

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) A composition for forming a rigid polyurethane foam comprising an organic polyisocyanate, a polyol, a catalyst, a foam stabilizer, water as a foaming agent, and a maleic acid ester in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of said polyol, as a modifying agent.

18. (New) A composition for forming a rigid polyurethane foam comprising an organic polyisocyanate, a polyol, a catalyst, a foam stabilizer, water as a foaming agent, auxiliary agents, and a maleic acid ester in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of said polyol.

19. (New) A composition for forming a rigid polyurethane foam comprising an organic polyisocyanate, a polyol, a catalyst, a foam stabilizer, water and a hydrochlorofluorocarbon as a foaming agent, auxiliary agents, and a maleic acid ester in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of said polyol.

20. (New) A composition for forming a rigid polyurethane foam comprising an organic polyisocyanate, a polyol, a catalyst, a foam stabilizer, water and a hydrochlorofluorocarbon as a foaming agent, auxiliary agents, and a maleic acid ester in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of said polyol.